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One of the most significant of the actions of the Kansas teachers in their recent convention was the adoption of a practically unanimous vote of the resolution which placed them on record as opposed to any legislation that will encourage the present rising tide of militarism after the European fashion, and urging President Wilson to adhere steadfastly to the historic principles of our government in favor of international peace and arbitration. This would seem to give a pretty good indication of the general sentiment of the people of Kansas on this important subject.

Another candidate for membership in the Ananias club seemingly has put in an appearance in the person of Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad. He says that Colonel Roosevelt, when president, promised to protect the New Haven from federal interference if it rejected a proposition to dispose of its steamship properties to Charles W. Morse.

An improper diet, a one-sided one, is now held to be the cause of pellagra, one of the dread maladies which has been increasing in the United States rapidly during the past few years. A well-balanced diet, it is said, will cure it. But the probabilities are that the people who are afflicted and susceptible to this disease are not in a position to provide themselves with the diet needed.

It seems to be as easy for the king of Greece to dissolve the Greek chamber of deputies as it is for the Russian czar to prorogue the duma. In other words, the king of Greece appears to be the undisputed and all-powerful boss of his country, regardless of the fact that it is supposed to have a constitutional form of government.

After all, the world is a small one and the people in it are pretty much of the same mold regardless of their race and creed. The politicians of this country are interpreting the Bible as being on their side of the military preparedness question. And the politicians of China, those of the United States, turning to a monarchy and those who would continue the republic, are both insisting that the teachings of Confucius are on their side.

Where history is more than likely to repeat. The watchful waiting policy which Henry Allen, the Wichita editor and more or less rampant Bull Moose, says the Progressive party is following, will probably bear no more fruit than did President Wilson's similar policy towards Mexico. How can it, when the Progressive party gives every evidence of being so nearly dead?

Evidently there is no such thing as a financial limit that may be reached by the European belligerents for the prosecution of the war. England is about to vote another \$2,000,000,000 for war purposes, and this will carry her along only until the middle of February. This makes more than \$8,000,000,000 that England has put into the war, and the end seems as far away as ever.

COLLEGE SPIRIT.

By college spirit some mean something finer than lawlessness, dissipation and rowdiness, writes William T. Foster in the November Atlantic. They mean the loyalty to an institution which makes a student guard its good name by being manly and courteous in conduct at all times and in all places. They mean the sense of responsibility which aids a student in forming habits of temperance and industry. They mean that eagerness to make a grateful use of his opportunities which leads a student to keep his own body fit, through moderate athletics, and a physical training that knows no season—is never broken. By college spirit some men mean this and far more; they mean that loyalty to a college which rivets a man to the severest tasks of scholarship, through which he gains intellectual power and enthusiasm, without which no graduate is an entire credit to any college; and finally they mean that vision of an ideal life beyond commencement which shows a man that only through the rigid subordination of transient

and trivial pleasures can he hope to become the only great victory a university ever wins—a trained, devoted, and inspired alumnus, working for the welfare of mankind. There is no evidence that the intercollegiate athletics of today inculcate in many men this kind of college spirit.

PRESIDENTIAL MILLING.

According to Lieutenant Governor Morgan, the Republican of the east are willing that the west should furnish the next presidential candidate. But it is difficult to figure out how Senator Borah, whom Mr. Morgan favors, can fill the bill. Mr. Bryan is certain to be a prominent figure in the next presidential campaign, and Senator Borah voted for Mr. Bryan in 1896. That may be rather ancient history, but it would nevertheless be a rather anomalous political situation for the Republicans to have Mr. Borah in the field as their candidate and Mr. Bryan still active in the political arena, and opposing all Republican pretensions tooth and nail.

PROFITABLE CROP ROTATION.

The most profitable crop rotation does not consist merely in changing the crops around from year to year, regardless of the relation of the crops to each other, according to the experts of the federal department of agriculture. The central aim in all crop-rotation systems should be to leave each field in a better state of cultivation, better physical condition, and reasonably free from pests at the end of each rotation cycle. No hard and fast rotation system can be laid down for each farm and, indeed, for each field. There are certain general principles, however, that should be borne in mind in this connection in order to accomplish the most satisfactory results. For soil improvement there should be at least one leguminous crop in each rotation cycle. To this class of plants belong the clovers, alfalfa, peas, beans, etc. There should be also a sufficient quantity of live stock, especially milch cows, on each farm to utilize the roughage and to supply the desired quantity of stable manure, which, in addition to green crops plowed under, will furnish the necessary amount of humus to the soil. The conditions resulting from this treatment, if the soil is properly handled, will make the succeeding crops more vigorous and capable of offsetting, in some measure at least, the effects of any pests that may appear. Again, the successive crops in any rotation should be so selected and arranged that no two upon which the same pest may thrive will be grown in succession. The principles of disease control, based upon the fact that certain pests can thrive only on certain kinds of plants. Therefore, when the crops are changed and the food supply thereby cut off, the pests must perish or be greatly reduced in number.

TALK WON'T BUILD 'EM.

Until there is agreement among the good roads boosters of Kansas as to how we shall go about it to obtain such roads, the latter are probably still some distance in the future. There is a unanimity of opinion that the present roads in Kansas are not of the "good" variety and that the money that is dumped onto them is little better than wasted. But calling attention to this fact and merely talking about good roads and the necessity for them isn't going to bring them about. Perhaps the big good roads convention that is planned for some time during the winter will suggest or work out a definite plan for road improvement of the right sort. That's the Kansas need in the good roads line now.

HEALTH AND INDUSTRY.

While the findings and recommendations of the commission on industrial relations on labor conditions, industrial unrest, workmen's compensation, hours of labor, trade unions and other subjects connected with industrial conditions are of interest, one of the most important sections of the commission's final report is section 16 on industrial conditions and the public health. Condensed into six pages are a number of startling statements for the first time given the authority and endorsement of a government commission. Under the direction of Dr. Frederick C. Stead, the United States public health service, investigations were conducted by the commission which revealed the fact that while much attention has been given of late to accident prevention, yet accidents caused only one-seventh as much destitution as does sickness. Each of the thirty-odd million wage earners in the United States loses an average of nine days a year through sickness, at an average cost of two dollars a day. The wage loss from this source is over five hundred million, while the added cost of medical care of at least \$180,000,000 increases the total sick bill of the wage earners of the United States to \$680,000,000 a year. From 30 to 40 per cent of all requiring charitable relief are due to sickness, while sickness among wage earners is primarily the result of poverty, causing insufficient diet, bad housing, inadequate clothing and unfavorable surroundings in the home. According to the commission, the surroundings place of work and the personal habits of the worker are important but secondary factors. This means that while there should be no diminution in our efforts to secure better conditions in the factory, the office and the workshop, the real solution of the public health problem lies in the improvement of the home. The greatest responsibility rests on the individual and, under present conditions, in the opinion of the commission, he is unable to meet this responsibility. The majority of wage earners do not receive sufficient wages to provide for proper living conditions. The present methods of disease

prevention and cure are expensive, and sickness is most prevalent among those who are least able to purchase health. The commission does not anticipate any such rapid increases in the wages of all classes of workers as would permit proper living conditions and adequate medical attention, and therefore concludes that new methods of dealing with existing conditions must be adopted, based on the co-operative action of those responsible for these conditions. A system of sickness insurance is proposed as the most feasible single remedy. The right of the federal government to tax industries in a sickness insurance system has been recognized since 1798, when the law taxing registered vessels for the support of the marine hospital service was passed. An extensive scheme for a federal system of sickness insurance is outlined by the commission composed of representatives of employers and employees in equal ratio, with the federal commissioner of labor statistics and the surgeon-general of the public health service as ex officio members. The recommendations of the commissions on sickness insurance and on the improvement of health conditions were earned in the opinion of The Journal of the American Medical association, are worthy of the most careful consideration both by employers and by labor unions.

Journal Entries

As a general thing, the easy mark thinks he's especially astute.

There is much disagreement among people as to what constitutes a good time.

The man who finds fault with life and the world, should really do the fault-finding with himself.

A book with the fly-leaf torn out is pretty good evidence that it doesn't belong where it is.

The man who boasts he calls "a spade a spade" is often endeavoring merely to make an excuse for being indecent.

The Evening Story

Midnight Magic.
(By Catharine Cammer.)

Madge smiled in pleased anticipation as she found in her morning mail an invitation to Mrs. Allison's Halloween house party. Of course, she accepted. Nobody refused an invitation to Mrs. Allison's pre-Revolutionary country house. It was an ordinary time, with characteristic thoughtfulness, Mrs. Allison added to her invitation the following paragraph: "We will have only a few people and no formalities. So your simplest frock and your outing clothes will equip you fully for all needs and reduce your baggage to a minimum."

Madge wondered how many of the twenty people she knew. Of course, Mary Ellis and Tom Barnett would be there. Tom being Mrs. Allison's brother and Mary being her niece. Stanley Parker, being Tom's particular chum and a good friend of the family, probably would be there, too. On the supposition that her would-be hostess had been indulging about which of her several becoming evening gowns to take, and whether to take her serviceable corduroy outfit or suit, or her smart new Scotch plaid, with its kilted skirt and trim, scant coat, topped off by a saucy Highland cap. She finally decided in favor of the latter, and for evening wear took a simple gown of soft cream-colored silk, with her topaz jewelry for ornament.

When the party assembled the day before Halloween there were nine guests, one of whom was Mrs. Stanley Smith, a sister of the hostess, and rumored lately to have become estranged from her husband. As they sat down to dinner Mrs. Allison remarked that every body had but one exception Stanley, who would be there in time for the party next evening if possible. More than one besides Madge wondered whether she referred to Stanley Smith or to Stanley Parker, but, owing to the rumored break with Stanley Smith, nobody ventured to ask.

After dinner on Halloween the big ballroom on the third floor, which had been mysteriously closed during the day, was opened and there was revealed all the paraphernalia for a party of revelry. Grinning jack-o'-lanterns, tubs of water containing shining red apples, rows of candles on the mantel, love potions for the cauldron and a number of other devices were there. Servants disguised as witches moved noiselessly about and served elder punch and lemonade. From the ceiling of the room, concealed by great banks of autumn foliage, came suddenly the rousing music for the "Virginia reel," which was to start off the evening's dancing.

There was one man lacking to make the couples come out even, and just as Mrs. Smith was protesting that she much preferred to remain out so that she could take a flashlight of the dancers there was a general exclamation of surprise in the doorway and clothes appeared in the doorway and looked a bit uncertainly toward his hostess. Mrs. Allison's surprise was so great that she was hard to tell whether it was pleasant or otherwise. He quickly regained her composure and, with a side glance at her sister, who was gazing toward the door, exclaimed in an unnecessarily loud voice: "Why, Stanley Smith! You're better late than never."

Mrs. Smith turned at the name, and even in the dim light her face looked ashen pale. As her husband was being greeted on all sides she looked about as if seeking some means of escape before he reached her. Then he walked straight to her with a look of the penitent pleading in his blue eyes and with both hands extended, so expressive of his desire to take her to his heart, that she almost fell into his arms. Those who stood near caught the sound of a sob in her voice as she said: "Much better late than never. I couldn't have spared you much longer."

As the couples began to take their places for the reel there was a happy cry from the newlyweds, Stanley, representing the bondholders of the road.

a week before had expected ever to feel again. After they had danced one round of the reel they slipped down stairs and the other dancers pretended not to notice. All hearts were light and happy except Madge's, for with the appearance of Stanley Smith the ghostlike form of the Stanley Parker was the eleventh hour guest expected. The reel was followed by more modern dances, and with the aid of the "try-on" room, between dances the hours passed quickly. At a few minutes before midnight the guests were hurried off to be sheltered from the cold by the procession backward downstairs. The now radiantly happy Smiths managed this part of the program. One by one the ghostlike forms of the guests silently passed with their lighted candles backward down the right-hand side of the old colonial staircase, whose two divergent flights made a broad landing and merged into a wider stairway leading to the hall below. One by one the ghostlike forms were passed down the left-hand flight. 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